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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2007, reconsideration is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this response.

Support for the Amendments begin on page 5 of this response.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this response.